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Ms. Magalie Salas, FCC Attorney  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW, TW-B204  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: DA No. 01-341 / Dkt No 96-98

Dear Ms. Salas:

In reference to the attached letter from Senator Ron Klein, please be advised that Martin County opposes the proposed 10-digit "overlay" plan proposed for the 561 area code which affects our entire local service calling area.

We understand that the FCC will rule on this proposed issue in the very near future. Considering that the March 9 deadline for comments to the FCC is rapidly approaching, Martin County would like to register its opposition to the proposed 10-digit "overlay" plan.

On January 23, 2001, the Martin County Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to pass resolution number 01-1.25 which urges the Florida Public Service Commission to allow the Treasure Coast to retain 7-digit dialing and its 561 area code, and give a different area code to Palm Beach County.

Similarly, the Town of Ocean Breeze Park passed resolution number 99 on February 12, 2001 opposing the PSC proposed "overlay" plan and suggested that the Treasure Coast counties should be given an area code separate from Palm Beach county in order to eliminate the need for 10-digit dialing.

Other cities and municipalities are considering adopting similar resolutions. We therefore urge the FCC to consider a numbering relief plan for the Treasure Coast which would eliminate the need for 10-digit dialing.

Sincerely,

  
Russ Blackburn  
County Administrator

RB/AFB/kwk

Encl: Florida Senate letter dated 02/13/01  
Resolution 01-1.25 dated 01/23/01  
Resolution 99 dated 02/12/01

c: Board of County Commissioners  
Kevin Kryzda, Chief Information Officer  
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SENATOR RON KLEIN  
28th District

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February 13, 2001

Dear Interested Parties:

I write to you today to update you on the status of possible ten-digit "overlay" dialing in Palm Beach County. As you may be aware, in a meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup> with the Public Service Commission ("PSC") staff in West Palm Beach, representatives from our 561 area code region, and the Treasure Coast expressed overwhelming opposition to the PSC's ten-digit dialing recommendation. Subsequent to that meeting the PSC sided with our request to allow Palm Beach County to keep its 561 area code and asked for a new area code to be provided for the Treasure Coast. Unfortunately, the federal contractor who assigns area codes turned down the state's request citing a federal regulation that violated industry-developed guidelines that require the codes to last at least five years. This matter will now be decided by the Federal Communications Commission.

It is our belief that the state plan which was approved by the PSC which extends the 561 area code life a minimum of three years is the best alternative. We believe that with the addition of new technology and the implementation of number conservation measures the 561 area code would have a much longer than projected life span. Additionally, though this plan Indian River, St. Lucie, and Martin Counties would enjoy a new area code with relief spanning 24 years into the future.

We believe that the four counties impacted by this proposed change support our position as communicated above. This position accomplishes everything that the local governments, business community, and the general public have expressed in resolutions, letters to the PSC, and public forums. We feel comfortable that the residents of Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast would be accommodated with the adoption of a plan that creates a new area code for the Treasure Coast, preserves the 561 area code for Palm Beach County, and eliminates the need for 10-digit dialing.

I encourage you to **immediately write the FCC** who will be ruling on this issue in the near future and urge them to keep the 561 area code solely for the residents of Palm Beach County. **When you write the commission you will must specify at the beginning of your letter that you are writing regarding "DA No. 01-341"/Dkt No 96-98".** Your comments may be addressed to:

Federal Communications Commission  
Attn: Ms. Magalie Salas  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554  
Re: Comments in Support of Florida Public Commission Petition

I look forward to working with you in our continuing collaborative effort to publicize this issue and to reaching a successful result. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact my office.

Very truly yours,  
*Ron Klein*  
Ron Klein  
State Senator  
District 28

REPLY TO:  
☐ 3333 South Congress Avenue, Suite 305 A, Delray Beach, Florida 33445 (561) 274-4777  
☐ 406 Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100 (850) 487-5091

Legislature's Website: <http://www.leg.state.fl.us>

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**TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE PARK**

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February 15, 2001

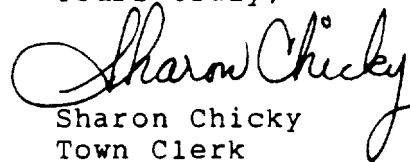
Dennis H. Armstrong, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners  
2401 S. E. Monterey Road  
Stuart, FL 34996

**RE: 561 AREA CODE**

Dear Chairman Armstrong:

As per our telephone conversation this date, enclosed is a photo copy of Resolution Number 99 adopted February 12, 2001 by the Town Council, Town of Ocean Breeze Park.

Yours truly,

  
Sharon Chicky  
Town Clerk

Enclosure

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 99

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE PARK,  
FLORIDA OPPOSING THE PROPOSAL OF THE FLORIDA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STAFF TO ELIMINATE  
SEVEN-DIGIT DIALING AND REQUIRING TEN-DIGIT  
DIALING FOR 561 AREA CODE CUSTOMERS**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Ocean Breeze Park, Florida has made the following determinations:

1. The Florida Public Service Commission staff has proposed to change telephone calls in the Treasure Coast to ten-digit dialing which will also include local connections;
2. The shortage of numbers available to the telecommunication industry in the Treasure Coast is the result of Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River Counties having been lumped together with the metropolitan areas of Palm Beach County;
3. The residents of Ocean Breeze Park and the citizens of Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River Counties have sought to retain a distinctively less metropolitan lifestyle than counties to the south such as Palm Beach County;
4. Requiring the citizens of the Town of Ocean Breeze to use ten-digit dialing for local calls is burdensome, inconvenient and unnecessary;
5. If necessary to avoid the change to ten-digit dialing for local calls, the Treasure Coast counties should be given an area code separate from Palm Beach County.
6. The slower rate of growth in the Treasure Coast area should eliminate any need for ten-digit dialing for local calls for many years to come.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Ocean Breeze Park, Florida:

1. The Town Council strongly opposes the proposal of the Florida Public Service Commission staff to eliminate seven-digit dialing and requiring ten-digit dialing for customers living in the Town and in the Treasure Coast area (Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River Counties).

**RECEIVED** **BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**MAR 05 2001**

**MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 01-1.25**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSAL OF FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION STAFF TO ELIMINATE SEVEN-DIGIT DIALING AND REQUIRING  
TEN-DIGIT DIALING FOR 561 AREA CODE CUSTOMERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Martin County, Florida, has made the following determinations:

1. In 1990, Florida had four area codes which has more than tripled to 13 area codes at the present time. The problem the telecommunication industry is facing is due to a shortage of numbers to go around. The demand for numbers has grown as consumers keep buying cell phones, computers, pagers, faxes, and second lines.
2. The Florida Public Service Commission staff has proposed to change telephone calls along the Treasure Coast to ten-digit dialing which will also include local connections.
3. This Board believes the proposal of the Florida Public Service Commission staff to eliminate seven-digit dialing and requiring ten-digit dialing is an unnecessary burden on Martin County businesses and residents, and therefore, not in the best interest of the citizens of Martin County.

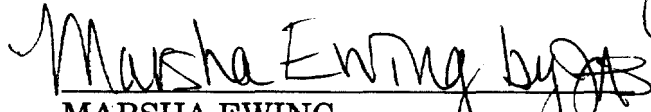
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Martin County, Florida:

1. This Board opposes the proposal of the Florida Public Service Commission staff to eliminate seven-digit dialing and requiring ten-digit dialing for 561 area code customers.
2. This Board urges the Florida Public Service Commission to allow the Treasure Coast to retain the 561 area code seven-digit dialing and give a different area code to Palm Beach County.
3. The County Administrator is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Chairman of the Florida Public Service Commission.

Duly adopted this 23rd day of January, 2001.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
MARSHA EWING  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

  
DENNIS H. ARMSTRONG, CHAIRMAN


APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
CORRECTNESS:

  
KRISTA A. STOREY, ACTING COUNTY ATTORNEY

2. The Town Council urges the Florida Public Service Commission to allow the Treasure Coast to have a separate area code for the area code given to Palm Beach County.
3. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Chairman of the Florida Public Service Commission.

ADOPTED this 12th day of February, 2001.

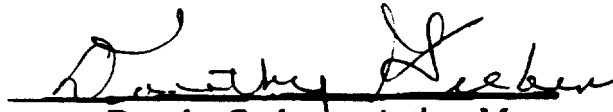
TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE PARK

  
by Howard Davis, as Vice Pres.

ATTEST:

  
Sharon Chicky, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

  
Dorothy Geeben, as Acting Mayor